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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister for Cultural Heritage and Activities of Government of Italy visited India recently;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any MoU has been signed between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d) : The Minister of Cultural Heritage and activities of Government of Italy visited India as part of the delegation accompanying the President of Italy. Wide ranging discussions to enhance cultural cooperation between India and Italy were held, including cooperation in the field of conservation and restoration, exchange of exhibitions, cultural troupes etc. An MoU was also signed on cooperation for the conservation of the Paintings of Ajanta-Ellora Caves.